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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

The applicant hereby submits the attached PTO Form 1449 and copies of documents listed thereon which are disclosed in the attached Chinese Patent Office (CPO) Official Action which issued in a counterpart Chinese application on April 28, 2010.

Please refer to the Official Action for information on the cited document. The Official Action cites one Chinese document that has not been cited before in the patent family of the subject application. Submitted along with the cited Chinese document is an English abstract located on the last page of the Chinese document. Further, the applicant submits a separate English translation of the encircled portion of the cited Chinese document immediately beneath the English Abstract.

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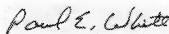
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Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 are earnestly solicited along with an early action on the merits.

Entry of this IDS and favorable consideration of this application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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